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RAILROAD WORK BEGUN

Vale Enterprise Reports Free Construction Camps at Work

J. F. STEVENS MAY TAKE HAND

First Scene of Actual Railroad Building on Oregon & Eastern 15 Miles West of Vale--Ops Established at 30 and 40 Mile Posts for Cut & Tunnel Work.

Actual construction work on the building of the Oregon Eastern railroad started Wednesday at Mile Post 15 near the mouth of the canyon. Over 100 men are located at this camp and more are being sent out daily.

On Wednesday more construction material in the way of freeways, scrapers, teams wagons, etc. were sent out. Dirt is flying in all directions on the first stretch of the Trans-Oregon line.

On Tuesday Camp No. 2, of the Utah Construction Company left for mile post 40, and it is understood that work started there today on a big tunnel.

The Wasatch Construction Company, subcontractors, have located their camp at Mile Post 30, where work is also under way on a big cut.

In local yards are piled up all kinds of construction material to be rushed later into the canyon. Part of the outfit will however be retained here as grading work will be started from the local yards within the next few days. Part of the outfits, which would have been rushed into the canyon before this, have been delayed on account of shipment of harness for the Utah Construction Company which have been undelivered.

In the meantime a large crew of men employed by the Utah Construction Company have been busy in making permanent headquarters of the company in the local yards. Corral have been built for hundreds of head of horses. A large number of tents have been stretched and sheds have been erected, forming quite a city north of the warehouse of the Ricker Green Forwarding Co. There are cook tents, blacksmith shops, several large tents for horses. Water mains from the city water system have been tapped and the camp is well supplied. Connections will also be made with the electric light system. Within the camp are piled hundreds of tons of hay and carloads of wagons, scrapers and other material for railroad building, while the big warehouse has been filled with food supplies and other necessities.

Lumber has been arriving during the week for the Utah people and the big warehouses will be erected west for the new freight depot for the storing of all supplies during the building of the Oregon Eastern. Today it is learned that there will also be erected in the local yard a large building to be used as the headquarters of the construction engineer O. S. Osborn and his assistants, as Vale is to be the headquarters of the railroad activity during the building of the entire Oregon Eastern. -- Vale Enterprise.

STEVENS IN CONSTRUCTION WORK.

The visit of John F. Stevens to Portland within the next two weeks is looked upon among railroad men as an evidence that he is preparing to engage in construction.

STEPHEN LAMPISHIRE.

Another beloved pioneer has been stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old pioneers. Stephen Lampshire died at his home near this city last Sunday morning, Dec. 31, 1911 after a brief illness. He was in his 63rd year.

While it is a pleasure for the writer to extol his virtues and his high character it is one of the saddest obituary notices ever penned by him for Mr. Lampshire was one of the nearest and best friends the manager of this paper had outside his family ties.

Steve was a man of fine moral character and he continued to be active in his accustomed pursuits up to within a short time of his death. He was cheerful and met most of the conditions and situations of life with a joke. He was a practical matter-of-fact man, but had his own way of extracting merriment from life. He was invariably a good neighbor and there was no more hospitable home in the land than his.

He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that the man who scatters flowers in the pathway of his fellowmen, who lets into the dark places of life the sunshine of human sympathy and human happiness is following the footsteps of his master. He exemplified by his pure and honorable life, and teachings of the golden rule and unfailingly evinced a practical piety that will long be remembered as the best of professions. His best monument will be the good report that he has left behind him in the community where he had lived for almost 30 years.

Mr. Lampshire was born in Cornwall, England and came first to California where he worked in the mines coming to this place in 1883 where he was joined several years later by his family. He had been engaged in stock raising and farming up until two years ago when he and his son sold a portion of the stock and leased what was left together with all the land except the home place. He is survived by his wife and son, James J., to whom the sympathy of the entire community is extended.

Mr. Lampshire was one of the pioneer members of Harney Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F. and the final service at the grave was conducted by his brothers who honored him for years as an Odd Fellow and citizen. Dr. C. C. Babbidge of the Presbyterian church held services at the family home before the remains were brought to the hall in this city.

Mr. Stevens knows the situation to a great extent, and he is strongly impressed with the possibilities of the rapid development of this state. Anybody who knows Mr. Stevens knows that he is not going to take a trip across the continent to Oregon just for the fun of it, and especially in view of the fact that he has been enjoying a vacation abroad of about five months. He is coming to Oregon on business and on railroad business and furthermore on big projects for him. As we all know he has just buckled into the harness in a new railway construction syndicate and it is only reasonable to suppose that he would make his first move in a territory that he understands as well as he does Oregon.

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TEACH HOW TO FARM

Plan to Take up Such Work in The Public Schools of State

A MEETING HELD IN CORVALLIS

Course of Study May be Issued by State Agricultural College to Teach School Children How to Till the Soil--Cereals for Dry Climate Conditions Discussed.

For the purpose of introducing education in farming among the school children of the state a meeting will be held at Corvallis during the middle of January, by representatives of the State Bankers' association, the Portland Commercial club and the Oregon Development league, says the Journal. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman is thoroughly in sympathy with the plans and the Oregon Agricultural college, too, will cooperate in every possible way.

The desire is to spread the work of the state agricultural college over the entire state and arrangements for the meeting to be held at Corvallis were made at a conference here during the week. The exact date will be fixed later. It will be attended by President J. W. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, Superintendent L. R. Alderman, Emory Olmstead, chairman of the state bankers' committee on agricultural development and education; C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development league; Professor R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension work of the O. A. C. and others.

Superintendent Alderman is now laying out a course of study that will probably be adopted at the Corvallis meeting. Plans for the most complete development of the work will be discussed and all arrangements made to launch a statewide campaign. A date will be named for the simultaneous meeting of commercial clubs of the state at which the matter of agricultural education will be discussed, the local membership interested, and arrangements made for visiting the schools in each locality on a future date, when speakers will describe the new courses of study to the pupils and secure their cooperation.

Cereals for Dry Climatic Conditions. The breeding of hardier and more drought-resistant cereals has been one of the important works carried on by the United States Department of agriculture. Discussing this topic, the secretary says: "The superiority of many of the drought-resistant cereals was markedly shown in localities where drought was severe. The Turkey and Kharkof varieties of winter wheats did especially well, while Swedish Select oats and Ghirka Spring wheat showed much superiority over less resistant varieties. The total production of the Kharkof wheat in the United States must be at least 40,000,000 bushels. Durum wheat continued to be the leading grain crop in the dry wheat-producing sections of the West and Northwest, where winter varieties are not yet dependable. The use of durum wheat flour is steadily increasing, and the product can now be purchased in a number of eastern cities. The season's



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work has furnished some good results with proso millets, particularly under irrigation, but also under dry-land conditions. Emmer, because of its better adaptation, still gives evidence of being a valuable crop in localities a little too dry for other stock food, such as oats and barley.

"For the work in dry-land grain investigations two new experiment farms have been added, one at Burns, Or., and one at Aberdeen, Idaho. These farms will be managed in co-operation with the experiment stations of these states. During the year for the first time, experiments with grains under irrigation have been undertaken. These experiments are conducted at points where it is possible to compare the results obtained with similar varieties under dry-farming conditions.

"The grain sorghums are proving increasingly important as stock food for dry-land areas. The dwarf and early varieties, such as Dwarf milo, Dwarf Black-hull Kaffir, Sudan durra and the knowlings which have been bred and distributed by this department are giving surer yields under conditions of greater drought than were formerly possible. They also permit the extension of these grains into more northern states, as South Dakota, Idaho and Oregon."

INDUSTRIAL NOTES. (Portland Correspondent)

A state wide campaign of education that leads toward instead of away from the farm is to be undertaken early in the year. The State Bankers' Association, the Oregon Agricultural College and the Oregon Development League are co-operating with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to formulate a course of study to be introduced into public schools of Oregon.

A conference will be held at Corvallis about the middle of January at which the various interests will be represented and a course of instruction will be adopted. Commercial organizations are expected to arrange simultaneous meetings throughout the state at which their members will be informed on the plan and speakers selected to visit the local schools and deliver talks to the children along those lines. The school meetings will also be held on a date to be announced later.

State bankers are strongly backing the plan and are contributing funds to maintain an organizer in the field, who will visit the various school boards and teachers and enlist their aid.

Some interesting comparisons are shown by government figures on Oregon's population, just gleaned from the last census by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The number of people to the square mile from 4.3 in 1900 to 7 in 1910. The drift of population during the decade was toward the cities and away from the farms. Ten years ago the percentage of the people in cities of 2500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8; in 1910 this was changed, with 45.6 in the cities and 54.4 in rural Oregon. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile.

Poultrymen about Aurora are discussing going into the business of hatching and shipping day-old chicks. They say 3,000-4,000 baby chicks were shipped into Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California last year, and that only 50,000 of this number were hatched on the coast, the remainder coming from east of the Rocky Mountains. Oregon's mild climate would seem to be ideal for the business.

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